

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, on a separate line appearing immediately after the title, insert:

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/628,348, filed July 28, 2000.

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 5, lines 5-10 as follows:

Referring now to FIG. 1, a bezel 1 for facilitating connection of an attenuator 22 to an optical coupler 24 includes a housing 2, an end 6 for being received in a corresponding receiving area in an optical communication module within an opening in a panel housing optical fiber connections and the like. The housing 2 is a body that has a first peripheral end, at least one edge 2' of which engages with the optical coupler 24 at a corresponding edge or retaining tab 18 of the optical coupler 24 extending from a body portion of the optical coupler 24 (for convenience, only one edge 2' and one tab 18 are shown in the drawings).

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 5, lines 17-20 as follows:

The bezel 1 also includes an end 4 having a hinged cover 8, which conceals an opening exposing an end of an optical coupler 24 positioned in an interior portion within the bezel housing. The cover 8 abuts edges of the housing 2 forming a second peripheral end of the body of housing 2, when the cover 8 is in a closed position, and the housing 2 has at least one guiding member (structural abutment) 20 disposed along an

interior wall of the housing 2, for guiding an external device, such as the attenuator 22, within the interior of the housing 2. For convenience, only a single guiding member 20 is shown in the drawings, although there may be a guiding member 20 disposed along both opposing interior walls of the housing 2.

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 6, lines 16-25 as follows:

Adjacent end 6 of the bezel are several locking cams 11 positioned on the end of corresponding finger projections (projecting members) 12. Each projection 12 includes an end having an inclined portion 14 ending in a shoulder portion 14', wherein the inclined portion 14 and shoulder portion 14' of each projection 12 form a respective cam surface of the corresponding cam 11. The cams 11 are received in corresponding slots on a module within the panel, and lock thereto. The slots in the module surround an optical connector for connection to the coupler of the bezel. The cams 11 restrain the optical coupler in the bezel from linear movement away from optical connector of the optical module and also ~~prevents~~ prevent the bezel from being pulled away from the panel, or dislodge in any way.

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 6 after line 25 and before line 27 beginning with “It will be appreciated by one of skill in the art”:

As can be appreciated in view of Figs. 1 and 2, the body of the housing 2 and the projections 12 define, in combination, a volume extending from the second

of the projections 12. The volume can receive at least a portion of each of the optical coupler 24 and attenuator 22 therein.